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Mr. Mike Hamel
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Gay Community Center Tel Aviv
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Dear Mike Hamel,

Here in Germany, the attack on Agudah and the murder of two people at the Cafe Noir have provoked our dismay and repugnance. We condemn this appalling crime.

This cowardly attack shows that the road towards true acceptance and toleration of gays and lesbians is still a long one, even in Israel. As the deputy chairperson of the Left Party parliamentary group in the German Bundestag and a member of the party's executive committee, I would like to assure you and the other members and users of Agudah of our solidarity, and send our sympathy and condolences to the victims' families and all their friends. We believe that far more protection is needed for Agudah's members and visitors, and that the Government of Israel should send out clear signals here.

In solidarity,
Yours sincerely,

Bodo Ramelow